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Via Overnight Delivery

Darryl Dunsmore AD #6327 P.O. BOX 2000 1600 California Drive Vacaville, CA 95696-2000

Re: Dunsmore v. GMC, et al

Case No.: FCS 045638 (Super, Ct., Solano Ctv., CA)

Dear Mr. Dunsmore:

King & Spalding LLP is co-counsel with Kirkland & Ellis LLP for General Motors LLC ("New GM"), the defendant in the above-referenced action ("Action"). Reference is made to your pleadings ("Pleading") filed in the Action which seeks, among other things, to hold New GM liable for various claims, all of which are based on an accident that occurred prior to the closing of the sale ("Sale") from General Motors Corporation (n/k/a Motors Liquidation Company) ("Old GM") to New GM.

Contrary to the allegations set forth in the Pleading. New GM is not liable for claims based on accidents that occurred prior to the closing of the Sale. The Amended and Restated Master Sale and Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 26, 2009 (as amended) ("Sale Agreement"), which was approved by an Order, dated July 5, 2009 ("Sale Order and Injunction"), of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York ("Bankruptcy Court"), is clear in this regard, providing that Retained Liabilities (as defined in Section 2.3(b) of the Sale Agreement) of Old GM specifically include "all Product Liabilities arising in whole or in part from any accidents, incidents or other occurrences that happen prior to the Closing Date[.]" Sale Agreement, § 2.3(b)(ix). Pursuant to the Sale Order and Injunction, you are prohibited from asserting any Retained Liabilities against New GM. See, e.g., Sale Order and Injunction, ¶ 8, 46.

The Bankruptcy Court recently issued a Judgment, dated June 1, 2015 ("Judgment"), which reiterated that plaintiffs, like the plaintiff in the Action, who were involved in accidents that occurred prior to the closing of the 363 Sale, are barred from asserting claims against New GM that are based on pre-Sale accidents. See Judgment, dated June 1, 2015 [Dkt. No. 13177]

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("Judgment"), ¹ ¶ 7 ("Any claims and/or causes of action brought by the Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs that seek to hold New GM liable for accidents or incidents that occurred prior to the closing of the 363 Sale are barred and enjoined pursuant to the Sale Order. The Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs shall not assert or maintain any such claim or cause of action against New GM."). The reasoning and rulings set forth in the Judgment and Decision are equally applicable to the Lawsuit. Accordingly, the Pleading should be dismissed.

While the Judgment provided procedures for dismissing pleadings that violate the Judgment, Decision and Sale Order and Injunction, or filing a pleading with the Bankruptcy Court if you have a good faith basis to maintain that your pleading should not be amended, the Bankruptcy Court, on September 3, 2015, entered a Scheduling Order Regarding Case Management Order Re: No-Strike, No Stay, Objection, And GUC Trust Asset Pleading ("Scheduling Order"), which contains procedures that supersede the procedures set forth in the Judgment. A copy of the Scheduling Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "C." Please consult the Scheduling Order for the procedures that apply to this matter.

If you have any objection to the procedures set forth in the Scheduling Order, you must file such objection in writing with the Bankruptcy Court within three (3) business days of receipt of this demand letter ("Objection"). Otherwise, you will be bound by the terms of the Scheduling Order and the determinations made pursuant thereto. If you believe there are issues that should be presented to the Bankruptcy Court relating to your lawsuit that will not otherwise be briefed and argued in accordance with the Scheduling Order, you must set forth that position, with specificity, in your Objection. The Bankruptcy Court will decide whether a hearing is required with respect to any Objection timely filed and, if so, will, promptly notify the parties involved.

This letter and its attachments constitute service on you of the Judgment and Decision, as well as the Scheduling Order.

New GM reserves all of its rights regarding any continuing violations of the Bankruptcy Court's rulings.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Very truly yours,

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A copy of the Judgment is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A." The Judgment memorializes the rulings in the Bankruptcy Court's *Decision on Motion to Enforce Sale Order*, dated April 15, 2015 ("<u>Decision</u>"). A copy of the Decision is annexed hereto as Exhibit "B."

Exhibit A

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- 3. The Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs were not prejudiced by their lack of notice of the 363 Sale, and they thus failed to demonstrate a due process violation with respect to the 363 Sale.
- 4. With respect to the Independent Claims, the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs were prejudiced by the failure to give them the notice of the 363 Sale that due process required. The Ignition Switch Plaintiffs established a due process violation with respect to the Independent Claims. The Sale Order shall be deemed modified to permit the assertion of Independent Claims. For purposes of this Judgment, "Independent Claims" shall mean claims or causes of action asserted by Ignition Switch Plaintiffs against New GM (whether or not involving Old GM vehicles or parts) that are based solely on New GM's own, independent, post-Closing acts or conduct. Nothing set forth herein shall be construed to set forth a view or imply whether or not Ignition Switch Plaintiffs have viable Independent Claims against New GM.
- 5. Except for the modification to permit the assertion of Independent Claims by the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, the Sale Order shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.
- 6. The Plaintiffs were prejudiced by the failure to receive the notice due process required of the deadline ("Bar Date") to file proofs of claim against the Old GM bankruptcy estate. Any Plaintiff may petition the Bankruptcy Court (on motion and notice) for authorization to file a late or amended proof of claim against the Old GM bankruptcy estate. The Court has not determined the extent to which any late or amended proof of claim will ultimately be allowed or allowed in a different amount. But based on the doctrine of equitable mootness, in no event shall assets of the GUC Trust held at any time in the past, now, or in the future (collectively, the "GUC Trust Assets") (as defined in the Plan) be used to satisfy any claims of the Plaintiffs, nor will Old GM's Plan be modified with respect to such claims; provided that nothing in this

Exhibit B

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529 B.R. 510, 60 Bankr.Ct.Dec. 253, Bankr. L. Rep. P 82,789 (Cite as: 529 B.R. 510)

circumstances, to apprise interested parties of pendency of action and to afford them an opportunity to present their objections. U.S. Const. Amend. 5.

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To satisfy due process requirements, notice must be of such nature as reasonably to convey the required information, and it must afford a reasonable time for those interested to make their appearance. U.S. Const. Amend. 5.

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Notice to others with an interest in objecting can ameliorate prejudice, and impliedly, if not expressly, even the existence of constitutionally deficient notice in first place, to those who did not get the notice that the Due Process Clause requires. U.S. Const. Amend. 5.

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Due Process Clause requires the best notice practical under the circumstances, both in terms of the manner in which notice is provided and the quality of the notice; however, this notice requirement should not be interpreted so inflexibly as to make it an impractical or impossible obstacle. U.S. Const. Amend. 5.

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92XXVII(G) Particular Issues and Applications

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Two-step methodology may be used by court, in bankruptcy context, in deciding whether claimant received notice sufficient to satisfy due process requirements, under which court first inquires whether claimant knew of the claim it might assert, and then determines whether the claim was, from perspective of notice-giver, often the debtor, a "known" claim, obligating the notice-giver to provide actual, and possibly more detailed, notice. U.S. Const. Amend. 5.

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While purchasers with products liability claims against bankrupt automobile manufacturer might eventually share, as general unsecured creditors, in proceeds from court-approved sale of Chapter 11 debtor-manufacturer's assets outside ordinary course of its business, their interest in pursuing successor liability claims against asset purchaser, whatever their merits, was not so minimal that they did not even have due process right to be heard in connection with sale of those assets. U.S. Const. Amend. 5; 11 U.S.C.A. § 363.

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Theories of successor liability, when permissible, permit claimant to assert claims not just against the transferor of assets, but also against transferee, and provide a second target for recovery.

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Bankruptcy court could not rely upon conclusion which it reached at hearing to which purchasers with products liability claims against bankrupt automobile manufacturer were not invited, that there was no continuity between Chapter 11 debtor-manufacturer and purchaser of its assets and thus no basis for asserting successor liability claims against purchaser, as basis for excusing lack of notice to products liability claimants on ground that they had no due process right to be heard. U.S. Const. Amend. 5.

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